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Subject: FW: Lower Passaic River Navigation User Meeting- 8/27/09

Alice and Janine:

Please find input from Napp-Grecco for their facility at RM 7.0.

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From: Joe Biggica [mailto:JoeBiggica@napp-grecco.com]

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2009 10:26 AM

To: Baron, Lisa A NAN02

Subject: RE: Lower Passaic River Navigation User Meeting- 8/27/09

Newark Asphalt Corp used the Passaic River to barge aggregates to our hot mix asphalt facility until the early 1980's. We discontinued the use of the river due to the lack of maintenance which force Newark Asphalt Corp to use dump trucks for the delivery of the aggregates. This was not as cost effective and forced us to raise our prices.If the channel were deeper we would resume the use of the barges and become more competative with our prices and reduce the amount of truck traffic on the roads.We also assisted J. Supor & Son Trucking and Rigging and Weeks Marine Inc. by allowing them to use our bulkhead to unload two 280 ton P.S.E.&G transformers in March of 2009 and the arrival of the third transformer in January 2010. We had to unload the transformers within a 15 minute time period because of the tide and shallow waters.If we had deeper waters we would have a greater window of opprotunity to operate and have possible future use for the bulkhead.Our neighbors Innovation Fuels would like to barge and store liquid asphalt cement at thier facility for our use on a daily basis, this would be another possible use if the river were to be maintained and also reduce truck traffic. We are not able to utilize the Passaic River because of shallow channel.The standard scow used for stone transportation is 130x40x11 with a loaded draft of 10 feet. I was advised that the controlling depth of the channel leading to our yard should be maintained to a minimum of 12 feet at mean low water and the depth at our bulkhead should also be maintained toat least a depth of 10 feet at mean low water. At this point Weeks Marine Inc. believes we can use the Passaic River as we once have.

Thank You,
Joseph Biggica

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Good afternoon!

I wanted to clarify my email regarding agenda question #1. Can you please include in your response, specific information about the vessels you are bringing in such as vessel size, draft and even name of the vessel if known. These parameters are all relevant to your response on how are you are "currently using the Passaic River navigation channel"?

Also, I would like to clarify question 2b) "How would you operate if the channel were deeper and/or maintained at its authorized depth?"

Thank you very much for your response.
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On behalf of the partner agencies, we thank you all for participating in the meeting to discuss the future commercial use of the Lower Passaic River. Attached please find the meeting sign in sheet.

As discussed at the meeting, please review the information related to your facility and operations presented in the USACE's Commercial Navigation Analysis (December 2008, www.ourpassaic.org). Please provide any updates to ensure the report accurately reflects your company's operations and use of the river.

The agencies also request your input on the following agenda questions:

- 1) How are you currently using the Passaic River navigation channel?
Discuss any physical constraints that limit how you are operating.
- 2) How do you expect to operate in the future?
 - 2a) How would you operate if conditions stayed the same as they are now (no maintenance)?
 - 2b) How would you operate if the channel were deeper?
 - 2c) Are there facility/infrastructure changes, operational modifications or other investments you would need to make in order to operate in a deeper channel?
 - 2d) If so, how likely is it that you will be able to make these investments in the short term (2-5 years)? In the longer term (5+ years)?

We greatly appreciate your response. Please send your input to the Corps (lisa.a.baron@usace.army.mil) and also furnish a copy to USEPA (Alice Yeh at yeh.alice@epa.gov) and NJDEP (Janine MacGregor at macgregor.janine@dep.state.nj.us) within the next 30 days- no later than Thursday October 1, 2009.

Thank you in advance!
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